

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

MONTH OF OCTOBER-2020

List of Important Days

- October 01 - International Day for the Elderly. (Theme - "Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?")
- October 02 - International Day of Non-Violence.
- October 02-08 - Wildlife Week. (Theme - "RoarR (Roar and Revive) - Exploring Human-Animal Relationships.")
- October 04 - World Animal Welfare Day.
- October 04-10 - World Space Week. (Theme - "Satellites Improve Life.")
- October 05 - World Habitat Day. (Theme - "Housing for All-A better Urban Future")
- October 05 - World Teachers' Day. (Theme - "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future")
- October 07 - World Cotton Day.
- October 08 - Indian Air Force Day.
- October 09 - World Post Day.
- October 10 - World Mental Health Day.
- October 10 - World Migratory Bird Day. (Theme - "Birds Connect Our World")
- October 10 - National Postal Day.
- October 11- International Day of the Girl Child. (Theme - "My voice, our equal future")
- October 12 - World Arthritis Day.
- October 13 - International Day for Disaster Reduction.
- October 14 - World Standards Day. (Theme - "Protecting the planet with standards")
- October 15 - World Students Day. (Theme - "Learning for people, prosperity and peace")
- October 15 - International Day of Rural Women. (Theme - "Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19,")
- October 16 - World Food Day. (Theme - "Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together")
- October 16 - 36th Raising Day of National Security Guard.
- October 17 - International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. (Theme - "Acting together to achieve social and environmental justice for all")
- October 20 - World Osteoporosis Day. (Theme - "THAT'S OSTEOPOROSIS")
- October 20 - World Statistics Day. (Theme - "Connecting the world with data we can trust")
- October 20 - International Chefs Day.
- October 21 - Police Commemoration Day.
- October 24 - World Polio Day. (Theme - "A win against polio is a win for global health.")
- October 24 - World Development Information Day.
- October 24 - United Nations Day.
- October 24 - 59th Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day.
- October 27 - World Day for Audiovisual Heritage. (Theme - "Your Window to the World")

- October 27 to November 2 - Vigilance Awareness Week 2020.
- October 27 - Indian Army celebrates 74th Infantry Day in J&K (known by the nickname, Chinar Corps).
- October 28 - International Animation Day.

Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has deferred implementation of provisions made under **Basel III** capital due to uncertainty related to **COVID crisis**.
 - In this regard, RBI will repel the final tranche of the capital conservation buffer (CCB) and the implementation of net stable funding ratio (NSFR) by six months i.e. April 1, 2021.

Other Banks

- **Indian Bank** has launched a green initiative named "**IB-eNote**" to enable a total paperless working environment.
- The **India Post Payment Bank**, even amid COVID-19 pandemic, has attained **3.6 crores** of customers.
- **Axis Bank** has launched a new entry-level credit card named **Axis ACE Credit Card**, with a focus on increasing participation of users in the digital economy.
 - The card has been launched in collaboration with Google Pay and will run on Visa (Signature) platform.
- India's leading private sector bank, **HDFC Bank** and **Apollo Hospitals** have collaborated to launch the "**HealthyLife Programme**", a holistic healthcare solution.
- **ICICI Bank** has **shut down** his operations in **Sri Lanka** after getting approval from the Sri Lankan monetary authority.

Central Government

- The Union Cabinet on October 21, 2020 approved **bonus** for **central government employees** for the year 2019-2020.
 - Around 30.67 lakh employees are expected to benefit from the announcement.

States

- Chief Minister of **Assam** has launched a portal "**Kritagyata**", an online pension submission and tracking system.
- **West Bengal** government has launched the "**Pathashree Abhijan**" scheme. It is a **road repair** scheme.
- **Haryana** CM Manohar Lal Khattar digitally launched '**Gram Darshan**', which will allow accessibility to data of development projects of 6,197-gram panchayats of the state.
- **Delhi** CM Arvind Kejriwal has announced the launch of the anti-pollution campaign '**Yudh Pradushan Ke Virudh**' to reduce the **pollution** level in Delhi.
- The state government of **Gujarat** has announced a '**Digital Seva Setu**' programme to ensure optimum utilization of technology for public welfare in **rural areas**.
 - The program has been initiated under the Centre's **BharatNet Project**.
- The World Economic Forum and Guidance will jointly establish **AMHUB** in the state of **Tamil Nadu**.
 - AMHUB - Advanced Manufacturing hub.
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti announced that **Goa** has become the first state in India to provide **100% tap water connections** in rural areas.

- The **Delhi** Cabinet approved the '**Tree Transplantation Policy**' for the preservation of trees in the Capital.
- Chief Minister of **Odisha**, Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated "**Sujal**", 'Drink from Tap Mission' scheme, to provide round the clock supply of quality tap drinking water in all urban areas of the state.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** Government launched "**Mission Shakti**" for women empowerment in the state.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has announced that the government is coming up with a movement called "**My Town My Pride**" from October 19 to provide governance at the doorsteps in urban areas on the pattern of the "Back to Village" programme.
- The **IIT-Madras** incubated dairy-tech startup, "Stellapps" has launched a first-of-its-kind, fully-automated direct payment platform, '**mooPay**', for dairy farmers in **Rajasthan**.
- **Odisha** Chief Minister, Naveen Patnaik has launched the electricity consumer service portal "**Mo Bidyut**" and a mobile app through video conference.

Place in the News

- Asan Conservation Reserve has become **Uttarakhand's first Ramsar site**, making it a '**Wetland of International Importance**', announced the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
 - The Reserve is located on the banks of **Yamuna river** near Dehradun district in Garhwal region of the **Himalayan** state.

Personalities

- PM Narendra Modi released **Rs 100** commemorative coin in the honour of **Vijaya Raje Scindia** in a special programme on October 12, 2020, on the occasion of her 100th birth anniversary.
 - Vijaya Raje Scindia, also popularly known as the Rajmata of Gwalior, was one of the founding members of the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- As part of the United Nations International Day of Girl Child (11th October 2020), a 16-year-old **Aava Murto** assumed the post of **Finland's Prime Minister for one day** on 7th October 2020 to raise awareness about gender equality. It was done as part of the "Girls Takeover" Program.

Defence and National Security

- The **second** edition of **Indian Navy (IN) - Bangladesh Navy (BN) Bilateral Exercise Bongosagar** commences in Northern Bay of Bengal.
- For the first time in Indian history, the **United States** long range maritime patrol aircraft (P-8 Poseidon aircraft) refueled at India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- **India** successfully test fired the new version of nuclear capable **Shaurya missile** in Balasore, **Odisha**.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) has successfully flight tested the "Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo" (**SMART**) from Wheeler Island off the coast of **Odisha**.
- The seventh offshore patrol vessel of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), "**Vigraha**" was formally unveiled at the Kattupalli port, **Chennai**, Tamil Nadu. The vessel built by Larsen and Toubro.
- **Russia** successfully test-fired a **Tsirkon** hypersonic cruise missile in the **Arctic**.
 - The Missile was fired from the Admiral Gorshkov frigate in the White Sea, Russian Arctic.
- India test fired the new generation anti-radiation missile called **Rudram 1**. The Missile has been generated to kill enemy radar.
- The Defence Research Development Organization tested **Rustom 2 drone** successfully.
- The Defence Research Development Organization successfully test fired the **Nirbhay Cruise Missile**.

- Agnibaaz Division organized a joint exercise for both **Indian Army** and **Maharashtra Police** at Lullanagar **Pune** on 09 Oct 2020.
- **India** and **Sri Lanka** are to begin a three-day military exercise “**SLINEX**”.
 - The eighth edition of the exercise is to be held off coast of **Trincomalee**.
- The **Defence Research Development Organization** test fired the naval version **BRAHMOS missile** from **INS Chennai** successfully.
- **India** has successfully conducted the **night** trial of its nuclear-capable **Prithvi-2** missile from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur near Balasore, off **Odisha** coast.
- **India** successfully test fired the Stand-Off Anti-Tank Missile called **SANT**.
 - It was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization for the Indian Air Force. The missile was test fired at the **Chandipur** test range.
- **India** has invited **Australia** to participate in its trilateral naval exercise “**Malabar-2020**” which is scheduled to be held in November 2020, in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.
- The Indian Army Chief General, **Manoj Mukund Naravane** commissioned the last of the four indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare-ASW stealth corvette ‘**INS Kavaratti**’ into Indian Navy at Naval Dockyard, **Vishakhapatnam**.

Committees/Commissions

- The **Sixth** Session of **India-Norway** Joint Commission was held. India was represented by the External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar**.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has constituted a Standing Committee, Market Data Advisory Committee (**MDAC**) to recommend appropriate policy for access to securities market data, identify segment-wise data perimeters, data needs and gaps, recommend data privacy and data access regulations applicable to market data.

Schemes/Initiatives

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated **Atal Tunnel, Rohtang** on 3rd October 2020.
 - Atal Tunnel is the longest highway tunnel in the World. The 9.02 Km long tunnel connects **Manali to Lahaul-Spiti** valley.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot e-launched the “**Ambedkar Social Innovation and Incubation Mission (ASIIM)**”.
 - The mission has been launched under the Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (SCs) in order to promote innovation and enterprise among SC students studying in higher educational institutions.
- Union Minister of Textiles, **Smriti Irani** has launched the first-ever **Brand and Logo** for Indian Cotton on Second World Cotton Day through video conferencing.
 - Now India’s premium cotton would be known as ‘**Kasturi Cotton**’ in the world cotton trade.
- The **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched **Jagan Anna Vidya kanuka scheme**.
 - The state government has allocated **Rs 650 crores** for the scheme.
- The **Uttarakhand** Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat recently launched **Mukhyamantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana** in Dehradun.
 - The scheme promotes self-employment of the youth. It also promotes production of green energy.
- PM **Narendra Modi** has launched the programme of **physical distribution** of Property Cards under the **SVAMITVA scheme** through video conferencing.
- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched the ‘**e-Dharti Geo Portal**’.

- The portal will integrate the legacy drawings including the maps and lease plans in the management information system.
- **Indian Bank** has introduced an initiative for funding start-ups, '**IND Spring Board**', in collaboration with the IIT-Madras Incubation Cell (**IITMIC**).
- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (I/C), **Prahlad Singh Patel** has virtually launched the "**Life in Miniature**" project, a collaboration between the National Museum, New Delhi, Ministry of Culture, and Google Arts & culture.

Summit/Conference

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MEITY**) unveiled '**RAISE 2020**', a Global Virtual Summit on **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in Electronics Niketan, New Delhi.
 - The Mega Virtual Summit AI, RAISE 2020 is organized by the **MEITY and NITI Aayog**.
- The 12th **BRICS Summit** is scheduled to be held on 17th November 2020 via video conference.
 - The Summit is being held under the Chairmanship of Russia.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- The policy think tank of the Government of India, **NITI Aayog** and Embassy of the **Netherlands**, New Delhi, signed a Statement of Intent (SoI).
 - The aim is to support the decarbonization and energy transition agenda for accommodating cleaner and more energy.
- **Yes Bank** has signed a MoU with **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** to empower the SME segment through awareness and knowledge-sharing programmes.
- **Gujarat** Government has signed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Denmark** in the water sector.
- **Tata Steel** and Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (**CSIR**) have signed an MoU to collaborate in the area of Carbon Capture, Utilization & Storage (**CCUS**).
- The National Council of Education Research and Training (**NCERT**) and Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to make the education material accessible to the **deaf children**.
- **Axis Bank** in partnership with India's full-service carrier, **Vistara** launched a Co-Branded Forex Card, '**Axis Bank Club Vistara Forex Card**' to cater to the needs of international travellers.
- **India** and **Japan** signed agreements of cooperation in Artificial Intelligence, **5G technology**.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has inked three Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (**SBI**) to extend credit support for various NABARD projects.
- **Meghalaya** government has entered into a partnership with **Israel** to establish a one-of-a-kind Centre of Excellence (CoE) on high-value vegetables in the state to improve and promote the livelihoods of farmers.
- **Amazon** India has partnered with '**Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation**' (**IRCTC**), to provide its customers with the facility to book **reserved train tickets on Amazon**.
- The National Maritime foundation of **India** and **Taiwan** Asia Exchange Foundation recently signed a memorandum of understanding to foster cooperation in the Indo-pacific region.
- The **Goa** Government has tied up with **India Post** to get 11,000 farmers enrolled in the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sanman Nidhi** scheme.
- **Microsoft** and All India Council For Technical Education (**AICTE**) have partnered to empower students and educators in new-age technologies.

- Cabinet approves MoU between **India** and **Australia** for collaboration in making impact for sustainable **groundwater management**.
- **Japan** and **Vietnam** signed agreements to ensure “**free and open Indo-Pacific**”.
 - Also, the agreement will allow Japan to export its defence equipment to Vietnam.

Meet/Visit

- The Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the High Commission of **Australia** conducted meeting for Cooperation in **Vocational Education and Training**.
- Union finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the 42nd **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** Council meeting.
- The foreign ministers of **India, Japan, US and Australia** held the **Quad foreign ministers meet**.
 - India was represented by the External Affairs minister **S Jaishankar**.
- The Union Minister of law and Justice **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad** is to host the seventh meeting of ministers of justice of **Shanghai cooperation organization**.
- **Gujarat** government has signed a pact with **Vedanta Group** firm Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) to set up a **greenfield zinc smelter** in the state.
- **India** and **Indonesia** are to hold the **fifth** joint working group on **coal**.
- The Ministry of External Affairs informed that **India** hosting the third India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in **New Delhi**.

Bills

- The Ministry of Power had released **Draft Electricity** (Change in Law, Must-run Status and Other Matters) rules, 2020.
- The president Ramnath kovind assented the **Gujarat Distributed Area act** (Amendment) **Bill 2019**.
 - The amendment will prohibit transfer of assets that is the immovable property in disturbed areas. Also, it will protect the tenants from vacating the property.

Fund

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has announced a special **refinance** facility of **Rs 800 crore** for Fiscal Year 2021.
 - With this, NABARD will support the Government of India’s Water, Sanitization and Hygiene (**WASH**) programme.
- India and the Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) has signed a **300 million US dollar** loan to finance inclusive and sustainable **water supply** and sanitation infrastructure and services in 14 secondary towns of the state of **Rajasthan**.
- The Export-Import Bank of India (**Exim Bank**) on behalf of the Government of India has extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of **USD 400 million** (about Rs 2,932 crore) to the **Maldives**.
- Union Cabinet chaired by PM **Narendra Modi** approved the project **STARS** aided by the **World bank**.
 - The cabinet has approved **Rs 5,718 crores** of aid from World Bank to implement project STARS. STARS is Strengthening Teaching Learning and Resources for States.
- The Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) and the Government of **India** have signed a loan agreement worth **USD 177 million**, to upgrade 450 km of state highways and major district roads in **Maharashtra**.
- The **World Bank** has sanctioned **Rs 3 crores** to the **Goa** state government for the project.

Economy

- **Indian** economy will become the **third**-largest in the world by **2050** after the **United States** and **China**, a study published in the Lancet journal.

Companies/Industry

- The **Amnesty International** India has **stopped** its operations in the country, after the government of India froze the bank accounts of the organization, for allegedly breaking rules on foreign funding laws.

Agriculture/Production

- The red cherry pepper **chilli of Sikkim** which is locally known as the "**Dalle Khursani**" has earned the **geographical indication** (GI) tag from the Union department of Industry promotion and internal trade.
- **Argentina** has approved **HB4** drought-resistant **GMO wheat** by biotechnology firm Bioceres, making it the first country in the world to approve a strain of GMO wheat.

Space

- The **French** Space Agency **CNES** announced that it is to participate in ISRO's Venus Mission, **SHUKRAYAAN** that is to be launched in **2025**.
- **NASA** launched a commercial spacecraft named after Indian Origin deceased NASA Astronaut "**Kalpana Chawla**".
- An IEEE Spectrum report, the **Beijing**-based company is set to send the world's first mining robot named '**asteroid mining robot**' into **space** by November 2020 to identify and extract resources.
- The **BepiColombo SpaceCraft** has **crossed** the **Venus** in its journey towards **Mercury**.
 - BepiColombo is a joint mission of the **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)** and the **European Space Agency (ESA)** to the smallest planet Mercury.
- The **North Atlantic Treaty organization** is to setup a new Space Centre in Ramstein, **Germany**.

Science and Technology

- The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (**C-DAC**) commissioned the largest **HPC-AI supercomputer**.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- **Russia** has given regulatory approval to a **second Covid-19 vaccine**, named '**EpiVacCorona**', after early-stage studies.
 - The new coronavirus vaccine comes two months after a similar move for Russia's first vaccine **Sputnik V** prompted widespread criticism from scientists both at home and abroad.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research recently approved the covid-19 test called **COVIRAP**.
 - It is a Diagnostic machine that was developed by the Indian Institute of Technology **Kharagpur**.
 - This kit gives close test results as produced by RT-PCR.

Education

- Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan has declared the **state public education** sector completely **digital** as **Kerala** has become the first state in the country to have high-tech classrooms in all its public schools.
- The **Tamil Nadu** State government is to implement the **smart blackboard scheme** in more than 80,000 Government schools. This is to ensure better teaching environment.
 - The smart blackboard scheme aims to use **audio visual teaching material** that can be integrated along with digital classrooms.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The South Eastern Railways (SER) has launched the project, “**Operation my Saheli**” to enhance the security of women passengers in the train throughout the entire journey from the originating point to their destinations.
- The **Puducherry airport** has become the first airport of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) which is **entirely solar-powered**.
- **Railway Protection Force (RPF), Visakhapatnam** has started implementing ‘**Meri Saheli**’ initiative in **AP Express** (Visakhapatnam to New Delhi), in order to provide proactive security to women passengers.

Festival

- **Kati Bihu** is one of the sets of three Bihu festivals (agricultural festivals) was celebrated in the state of **Assam**.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- Kolkata based Real Estate Developer, **Bengal Peerless Housing** Development Company Limited appointed former national cricket team captain, **Sourav Ganguly** as it’s Brand Ambassador.
 - He will lead the campaign of Bengal Peerless’s Residential Project Avidipta II.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed **Charanjit Surinder Singh Attra**, former Partner at EY India, as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
 - The post vacant after **Prashant Kumar** was appointed Yes Bank CEO in March.
- Global Sports and lifestyle brand **Skechers** has launched the ‘Go Like Never Before’ campaign in India featuring ‘Gully Boy’ actor **Siddhant Chaturvedi**.
- Indian Foreign Service officer **Devyani Uttam Khobragade** has been appointed as India’s next ambassador to **Cambodia**.
- Senior IPS officer, **M A Ganapathy** has been appointed as the Director-General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).
 - The post of BCAS chief vacant after **Rakesh Asthana** was appointed as the Director-General of Border Security Force in August.
- The government of India has appointed **Dinesh Kumar Khara** as the new **Chairman** of State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years.
- **J Venkatramu** has been appointed the managing director and chief executive officer of **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**.
 - He will succeed **Suresh Sethi**, who served the post till March 2020.
- The Government of India appointed **M Rajeshwar Rao** as the new **Deputy Governor** of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
 - The post vacant in March 2020 when the previous Deputy Governor **N R Vishwanathan** resigned citing health issues before his term completed.
- King of **Jordan, Abdullah II** ibn Al Hussein has appointed **Bishr al-Khasawneh**, policy advisor to the king, as new **Prime Minister** of the country.
 - His appointment comes after King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein accepted the resignation of Prime Minister **Omar al Razzaz**.
- **Nilesh Shah** has been re-elected as the Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- The Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** has been assigned the additional charge of Ministry of **Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution** in addition to his existing portfolios, following the death of union minister Ram Vilas Paswan.
- **Kyrgyzstan’s** parliament named **Sadyr Zhaparov** the prime minister, who was freed from prison on by his supporters protesting against the results of the Oct. 4 parliamentary elections.

- **Amit Banerjee** assumed Charge as the Director (Rail and Metro Business) and Member on the Board of **BEML Limited**.
- Commonwealth Games medallist in Badminton, **Chetan Anand** has been roped in as the brand ambassador for India's first-ever homegrown professional badminton brand "**Transform**".
- Dr **Michael Irani** of Great Britain (GBR) has been appointed as the **Interim President** of the International Weightlifting Federation (**IWF**).
 - Irani was appointed following the resignation of IWF President Tamás Aján.
- **Vishal V. Sharma** has been appointed as the next **Permanent Representative of India** to the Permanent Delegation of India to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**), with the rank of Ambassador.
 - He will replace **Jawed Ashraf. Sharma** is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
- The Managing Director and CEO of Union Bank of India, **Rajkiran Rai G** has been elected as the Chairman of **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** for the term 2020-21.
 - He succeeds **Rajnish Kumar** as the IBA Chairman after Kumar recently retired as SBI Chief.
- The Prime Minister of **New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern**, won a landslide victory in the country's general election, to be elected as the PM for the second consecutive three-year term.
- Indian diplomat **Dr Neena Malhotra**, 1992-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, appointed as next Ambassador to the Republic of **San Marino**.
- **India** has assumed the **Chairmanship** of the Governing Body of **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, after a gap of 35 years.
 - The Labour and Employment Secretary, **Apurva Chandra**, has been elected as the Chairperson of the Governing Body of the ILO for the period October 2020- June 2021.
- Former **Lebanese** Prime Minister, **Saad al-Hariri** has been re-appointed to the post, after winning a slim majority of votes in parliament election.
- Ace Indian cricketer and Captain of Mumbai Indians, **Rohit Sharma** has been signed up by India's leading beauty accessories brand, **Vega**, for its men's personal grooming electronics range under the 'Vega Men' brand. India born **Wavel Ramkalawan** was elected as the President of **Seychelles**.
 - This is the first time, the opposition candidate has won elections in Seychelles since 1977.
- Lieutenant General **Nanda Kishore Sahoo**, assumed the appointment of Director General Dental Services and Colonel Commandant of Army Dental Corps on 12 Oct 2020.

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- The **Kuwaiti** government, headed by Prime Minister (PM) **Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah** submitted its **resignation** to Emir Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah in anticipation of the upcoming general elections that are due to be held in November 2020.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has informed that **India** has been re-elected as President while **France** as the Co-President of **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** at the virtual meeting of ISA's Third Assembly. The tenure will be for a time period of two years.
- **Pakistani** pace bowler, **Umar Gul** has announced that he will retire from all forms of cricket.

Deaths

- Veteran social activist, Prof **Pushpa Bhave**, also known as the Iron Lady of Mumbai, has passed away.
- Three-time member of Legislative Council and veteran Samajwadi Party leader from Auraiya, **Mulayam Singh Yadav** passed away.
- Veteran Bollywood actor, **Vishal Anand** has passed away.
- Afghanistan right-handed batsman, **Najeeb Tarakai** passed away in a road accident.

- **Eddie Van Halen**, one of rock n roll's singular and most gifted guitarists passed away.
- Former Governor of Manipur and Nagaland, and ex-CBI Director, **Ashwani Kumar** passed away.
- **Mario José Molina**, the only Mexican scientist to receive the Nobel Prize, passed away.
- **Ram Vilas Paswan** – minister in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet and the founder of the Lok Janshakti Party – died.
- Former First woman Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court, Justice **KK Usha**, passed away.
- Veteran film-maker **B. Vijaya Reddy**, better known as Vijay in the Kannada film industry, passed away in Chennai.
- Former Indian football captain, **Carlton Chapman** passed away.
- Nagaland's environment minister, **C M Chang** passed away due to COVID-19.
- The 400-meter hurdles champion at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, **Charlie Moore** passed away.
- Renowned Kuchipudi dancer, **Shobha Naidu** passed away.
- The first Indian to win the Oscar award, **Bhanu Athaiya** passed away.
- Legendary Malayalam poet and Jnanpith laureate, **Mahakavi Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri** passed away.
- Veteran sports journalist and Cricket commentator, **Kishore Bhimani** passed away.
- The senior Janata Dal (United) leader **Kapil Deo Kamat**, who was serving as the Panchayati Raj Minister of Bihar, passed away due to COVID-19.
- Noted Bengali elocutionist, **Pradip Ghosh** passed away.
- Renowned TV actress, **Zarina Roshan Khan** passed away.
- **Indian Air Force** 1st woman officer, Wing Commander (retd) **Dr Vijaylakshmi Ramanan** passed away.
- Playback singer, music director and actor **K J Mohammed Babu**, popularly known as 'Zero' Babu passed away.
- The chairman of South Korea's largest conglomerate, Samsung Group, **Lee Kun-hee** has passed away.

Awards/Honours

- The CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow awarded **young researchers** with **CDRI Award** for their outstanding contribution in drug discovery and development.
 - CDRI Award 2020 was conferred to **Dr Bushra Ateeq, Dr Surajit Ghosh and Dr Ravi Manjithaya**.
- The **Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology** has been jointly awarded to **Harvey J Alter, Charles M Rice** and **Michael Houhgton**.
 - The scientists have been awarded for the discovery of **Hepatitis C Virus**.
- The **Right Livelihood Award** Foundation has announced the four winners of the 2020 Right Livelihood Award 2020 which is also known as the alternative Nobel Prize in Stockholm.
 - The four activists **Ales Bialiatski** of Belarus, **Nasrin Sotoudeh** of Iran, **Bryan Stevenson** of the United States (US) and **Lottie Cunningham Wren** of Nicaragua.
- The **Nobel Prize in Physics** 2020 was divided, one half awarded to **Roger Penrose** for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity.
 - The other half jointly to **Reinhard Genzel** and **Andrea Ghez** for the discovery of a supermassive compact object at the centre of our galaxy.

- The 2020 **Nobel Prize in Chemistry** is awarded to **Emmanuelle Charpentier** and **Jennifer A. Doudna** “for the development of a method for genome editing”.
- The **Nobel Prize, 2020** was awarded to **Louis Gluck** for her poetry.
- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Sveriges Riksbank (Sweden’s central bank) Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2020 to **Paul R. Milgrom** and **Robert B. Wilson** “for improvements to auction theory and inventions of **new auction formats**”.
- The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the **Nobel Peace Prize** for 2020 to the **World Food Programme (WFP)**.
- NOTED Odia poet **Nityanand Nayak** will be conferred the prestigious **Sarala Puraskar** for his poetry work ‘Setebelaku Nathiba’, published in 2017.
- **Britain’s Prince William** and Naturalist David Attenborough have launched an “**Earthshot Prize**”, with an aim to encourage change and support to repair the planet.
- “**Bank of Ghana**” has won the **Central bank of the year award 2020**.
 - Apart from this, **Mark Carney** (Governor of the Bank of England) has won the **Governor of the year** at the Central bank of the year award 2020.
- A 23-year-old, Mumbai based girl, **Aishwarya Sridhar** became the first Indian woman to win the 2020 **Wildlife Photographer of the Year** award.
 - Her image titled ‘Lights of passion’, won among 50,000 entries.
- For the first time, since the inception of the framework agreement of ISA, the **Solar Awards** were presented during the third Assembly of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** to the countries of the region as well as institutions working for solar.
- UK-based Indian-origin plastic surgeon, **Dr Jajini Varghese** has been named an ‘**Outstanding Young Person of the World 2020**’ by a non-profit NGO for her “incredible” scientific contributions to diagnosing and treating breast cancer.
- India-assisted Mangdechhu Hydroelectric project in **Bhutan** has been awarded the **Brunel Medal-2020**, an award conferred by the UK’s top engineering body, Institute of Civil Engineers.

Sports/Game

- **Australian** woman cricketer and wicketkeeper, **Alyssa Healy** broke the record of “Most Dismissal by Wicket Keeper” by **MS Dhoni’s** who made 91 dismissals in 98 T20 Internationals (T20Is) for India.
- India’s **Visnu Shivaraj Pandian** won the 10m air rifle event at the fifth edition of the **International Online Shooting Championship**.
- Indian teenager created history by winning the Chess.com’s 2020 **Junior Speed Online Chess Championship**, defeating Russia’s Alexey Sarana 18-7 in the final.
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the 2020 **Eifel Grand Prix**, held at the Nürburgring in Nürburg, **Germany**.
- **Rafael Nadal** beats Novak Djokovic to win the men’s 2020 **French Open Title**.
 - In Women’s single, **Iga Swiatek** of Poland, claimed a historic win, by becoming the youngest women to win the title in the history of the championship.
- The **Los Angeles Lakers** defeated the Miami Heat to win the National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship 2020.
- In Badminton, former World Champion **Nozomi Okuhara** clinched the **Denmark Open** title beating three-time world champion Carolina Marin in women’s singles.
- In Shooting, the world number one **Elavenil Valarivan** of India won the **gold** medal in women’s event of the 2020 Sheikh Russel International Air Rifle Championship.

- The event was organized by Bangladesh Shooting Sport Federation (BSSF).
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the 2020 **Portuguese Grand Prix**, held at Algarve International Circuit, Portugal.

Report

- According to the national crime records bureau (NCRB), **Maharashtra** registered an increase in **economic offences** in 2019 from 14,854 cases registered in 2018 and 13,941 cases logged in 2017.
 - **Rajasthan** topped the list for economic offences with 26,920 cases registered in 2019 followed by **Uttar Pradesh** with 19,968 cases.
- Average weight for **Indian men** has been increased to **65kg**, while that of **Indian women** has been changed to **55kg**.
 - The new average height for Indian men is 5.8 feet (177 cm), and that for women is 5.3 feet (162 cm).
- **Sofia Vergara** is the world's highest-paid actress of 2020, with earnings of \$43 million (315 crore), as per Forbes.
 - She's followed by **Angelina Jolie** and **Gal Gadot**, with \$35.5 million (260 crore) and \$31.5 million (230 crore) earnings respectively.
- **Ravi Santhanam**, Chief Marketing Officer (CMO), HDFC Bank has been recognized in the Forbes list of '**The World's Most Influential CMOs**'.
 - Ranked at Number 39, he is the only CMO of an Indian company to be featured in the illustrious list which includes marketing heads of Apple, BMW, Lego, Adobe, Microsoft, P&G among others.
- BYJU'S 39-year-old Founder **Byju Raveendran** is India's **youngest billionaire** with \$3.05 billion wealth as per Forbes list of India's 100 Richest People.
 - **Paytm's** 42-year-old Founder **Vijay Shekhar Sharma** is second-youngest billionaire with \$2.35 billion wealth.
 - He's followed by **Patanjali Ayurved's** 48-year-old Chairman **Acharya Balkrishna** with \$2.22 billion wealth and 50-year-old realtor **Vikas Oberoi**.
- The **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** Chairman **Mukesh Ambani**, has **topped** the Forbes India Rich list for 2020.
 - The **second** spot has been retained by **Adani Group** Chairman **Gautam Adani**, with a net worth of \$25.2 billion.
 - Tech tycoon **Shiv Nadar** acquired the third spot with a net worth of \$20.4 billion.
- The **Global hunger index** was launched. It is jointly prepared by Welhunger life and Concern Worldwide.
 - According to the report, **India** ranked **94th** among 107 countries.
- **India** has been ranked at **4th** position, with a score of 39.7 out of 100, in the **Asia Power Index 2020**, released by the Sydney-based Lowy Institute.
- **India** has acquired the **second** rank in terms of the number of **migrants** going to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries and acquiring the citizenship of those countries.
 - **China** retained its **top** spot with 4.3 lakh migrants, which was 1 per cent lower than the 2019 report.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has emerged as the **top** destination for attracting the highest number of **domestic tourists** visiting the state in 2019 as per the Indian Tourism Statistics (ITS) 2020, released by the Ministry of Tourism.

- The Government of India announced that **Uttar Pradesh** secured the **top** rank **PM SVANidhi Scheme**.
- National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has featured on the **top** on the list of Indian PSUs under the '**World's Best Employer 2020**', published by Forbes.

General - National

- The Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar announced that **8 Indian beaches** have been recommended for the **Blue Flag International Eco label**.
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has announced leave travel concession (LTC) cash voucher scheme and special festival advance scheme for government employees with an aim to increase consumer spending.
- The Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan announced that **India** has set a target of becoming **trans-fat free** by **2022**.
- The Union Minister Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone of the first **multi modal Logistic Park** of India in **Assam**.

General - International

- Europe's **Andorra** formally joined the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** becoming the crisis lender's **190th member** state as the tourism and trade-dependent principality struggles with the coronavirus pandemic.

Books and Authors

- The author of Baahubali series, **Anand Neelakantan** has authored his first kid's book titled "**The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids**", published by Puffins Publishers Private Limited under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- On the occasion of the 151st Birth Anniversary of **Mahatma Gandhi**, the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, **Manish Sisodia** has launched the coffee-table book titled "**Babu - The Unforgettable**" over the virtual event.
- PM **Narendra Modi** has released the autobiography of former Union Minister **Dr Balasaheb Vikhe Patil** through video conferencing.
 - The autobiography of Dr Patil has been titled '**Deh Vechwa Karani**,' means 'dedicating one's life for a noble cause.'
- Renowned Author and Politician, **Shashi Tharoor** is set to release his new book titled "**The Battle of Belonging**" is set to be released in November 2020. The book is published by Aleph Book Company.
- Veteran Economist and bureaucrat **N K (Nand Kishore) Singh** has released his autobiography titled "**Portraits of Power: Half a Century of Being at Ringside**".
- Cricket, power and crime dominate the plot of an upcoming book, "**The Fixer**", which promises to narrate a thrilling tale of an ex-cricketer-turned-fixer.
 - The debut novel of author **Suman Dubey** will hit the stands on October 26, announced publishing house Rupa.

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TO THE POINTS: OCTOBER-2020

- International Day of Non-Violence was observed on **October 2**.
- **S Aparna** has assumed charge as the new Union Pharma Secretary.
- Artist KC Sivasankar who passed away at the age of 97 was the illustrator of **Vikram and Beetal** series.
- **October** is observed as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is conducted to create awareness about this type of cancer affecting women.
- **Narendra Singh Tomar** has inaugurated Kerala's first and nation's twentieth mega food park.
- **November 30** is the extended deadline for filing belated and revised ITRs for Assessment year 2019-20 as announced by the CBDT.
- **RJ Duckworth** has taken over as the Air officer in Personnel at Air Headquarters, New Delhi.
- **Apurva Chandra** has assumed charge as the Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- **Devyani Uttam Khobragade** has been appointed as India's Next Ambassador to Cambodia.
- Alaska Aerospace Corporation has signed an MoU with **AgniKul Cosmos** Indian start-up to test launch their Indian-made Agnibaan rocket from the Pacific Spaceport Complex Alaska.
- Fast patrol vessel of the Indian Coast Guard **Kanaklata Barua** which has been commissioned at the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd., Kolkata.
- M Gopalakrishnan who passed away recently was the former chairman of **Indian Bank**.
- Sheikh Sabah al-Sabah who passed away aged 91 was the Emir of **Kuwait**.
- **Tamil Nadu and Arunachal Pradesh** have been integrated with the existing national portability cluster under One Nation One Ration Card Scheme.
- BRICS Bank has approved a loan worth **241 million** for the Mumbai Metro & Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) Project.
- **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the Vaishvik Bhartiya Vaigyanik, VAIBHAV Summit via video conferencing.
- CSIR has signed an MoU with **Tata Steel** to work in the field of Carbon Capture, Utilization & Storage (CCUS).
- **Gujarat** has bagged the first position under the Swachh Sundar Samudayak Shouchalaya category of Swachh Bharat Awards-2020.
- RBI has deferred the implementation of Basel III provisions amid covid uncertainty to **April 1, 2021**.
- India's largest handicraft and organic products marketplace **Tribes India E-Marketplace** launched by Arjun Munda on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
- A Rare fish family going back to the lineage of Gondwanaland has been found in paddy fields of **Kerala**.
- According to the NCRB data, **Delhi** has recorded the highest number of crimes against women.
- **SJVN Limited** has signed an MoU with the Government of India for year 2020-21 with the aim to achieve 9680 Million Units of electricity generation during the year.
- **Google** has launched a nationwide campaign to help support small businesses and drive demand through customer support.
- **Charanjit Surinder Singh Attra** has recently been appointed as the new CFO of State Bank of India.

- In its new report, The National Institute of Nutrition has increased the average body weight for Indians by 5 kg.
- **Indian Bank** has launched a green initiative named “IB-eNote” to enable a total paperless working environment.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation the world’s longest high-altitude tunnel, the Atal Tunnel, at Rohtang. It is a 9.2 km long highway tunnel constructed at an estimated cost of 3200 crore rupees.
- Theme of the International Day of the Older Persons observed every year on October 1 - **Leave No One Behind.**
- **Kerala** has bagged the prestigious ‘PATA Grand Award 2020 for Marketing’ for its ‘Human by Nature’ campaign.
- **Kiren Rijju** has launched the new logo of the Sports Authority of India (SAI).
- World Vegetarian Day was celebrated annually on **October 1.**
- **NHPC** has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Power for FY2021.
- **SS Deswal** has been given the additional charge of the National Security Guard as its incumbent chief A K Singh is going to retire.
- **Sourav Ganguly** has been roped in as brand ambassador of the City based real estate developer Bengal Peerless Housing.
- **General Atlantic** is all set to invest Rs.3,675 crore in Reliance Retail for a 0.84% stake.
- DRDO has successfully test fired **Brahmos** missile with several indigenous features from a test range in Odisha.
- NITI Aayog and Embassy of **Netherlands** has signed a Statement of Intent on ‘Decarbonization and Energy Transition Agenda’.
- International Coffee Day was celebrated on **October 1** as one of the most popular beverages in the world.
- **Thawar Chand Gehlot** has launched the Ambedkar Social Innovation & Incubation Mission under Venture Capital Fund for SCs with a view to promote innovation and enterprise.
- NHB has imposed a penalty of Rs.1.5 lakh plus GST on **HDFC** for non-compliance with two provisions of the Housing Finance Companies Directions.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has virtually released a booklet on ‘COVID-19- Safe Workplace Guidelines for Industry’ in the presence of a Member (Health) in NITI Aayog, VK Paul.
- **Adani Green** has completed the acquisition of 205 MW solar assets from Essel Infraprojects.
- **South Eastern** division of railways has launched a project to enhance security of women passengers.
- Japan’s Kyokuto Kaihatsu Kogyo has acquired **Satrac Engineering** that is currently a supplier to all leading truck OEMs.
- **Bandhan Bank** has strengthened its leadership team by roping in exBajaj Capital CEO as its digital head.
- Pirul power project with 25-kilowatt capacity been inaugurated in **Uttarakhand.**
- The government of **Nagaland** has launched a livelihood generation programme for those returning to the state due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- MIT has collaborated with **IIT Madras** to develop a productive usage of agricultural, industrial by-products.

- **SBI** has signed an MoU with Hindustan Unilever to provide digital payment and financing solutions to the FMCG company's retailers and distributors.
- **Purnachandra Rao Surapaneni** has become the new National President of Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC).
- World Day for Farmed Animals was observed on **October 2nd** to bring focus on the need to treat farm animals as sentient beings.
- **Northrop Grumman** has launched another flight to the International Space Station named after late astronaut 'Kalpana Chawla'.
- A V Shetty who passed away at the age of 85 was a renowned **Cardiologist**.
- Theme of the World Space Week declared to celebrate each year at the international level the contributions of space science - **Satellites Improve Life**.
- Interest rate on Public Provident Fund (PPF) is **7.1**, recently declared by the government for the October to December quarter.
- India is holding its second bilateral naval exercise this year with **Bangladesh** in the Bay of Bengal.
- **West Bengal** has launched the Pathashree Abhijan Scheme, a road repair scheme, where more than 7,000 stretches of roads comprising 12,000 kilometers across the state will be repaired.
- **Kritagyata** portal launched by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal for online pension submission and tracking.
- DRDO has successfully test fired an indigenously developed laser-guided anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) in **Ahmednagar, Maharashtra**.
- **Shaurya** missile successfully test fired by India at the APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
- Indian Navy Helicopters has partnered with **Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation** to undertake the process of aerial seeding.
- The US has approved a **90-million-dollar** sale of spares and support for C-130J Super Hercules aircraft to India.
- World Animal Day was observed on **October 4** to raise awareness about improving the welfare standards of animals across the globe.
- Pushpa Bhawe who passed away at the age of 81 was a veteran **Scholar**.
- **NABARD** has launched the refinance scheme for WASH programme, with an amount of Rs 800 crore for FY21.
- **Visnu Shivaraj Pandian** has won gold in the 10-meter air rifle event of International Online Shooting Championship.
- **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** has launched the 100-day campaign to provide potable piped water in Schools and Anganwadi Centres.
- The chief minister of Punjab has launched the construction of **750** rural stadiums and playgrounds in the state.
- **IIT Kharagpur** has launched a telemedicine system 'iMediX' to help patients receive assistance from doctors without having to go to hospitals or clinics.
- The Central government has agreed to waive off on interest during moratorium for individual and MSME loans up to Rs **2** crores.
- **Manish Sisodia** has launched the coffee table book 'Bapu - The unforgettable'.
- Reliance Industries' Retail Arm is all set to Get Rs. 7,350 Crore Investment from **TPG Capital and GIC**.

- **Telangana** has decided to undertake a door-to-door survey to update non-agricultural property details through the NAP app.
- **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the 'RAISE 2020' Summit.
- **PNB** has launched the financial inclusion initiative named Gram Sampark Abhiyan.
- **Sunidhi** project announced by the government to digitize all provident fund and pension related activities of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization (CMPFO).
- The Common Services Centre has partnered with **HelpAge India** to impart digital literacy to elderly citizens.
- **Biological** organization has announced the development of serum of horses which contain antibodies against covid-19.
- The Embassy of India in Nepal recently marked its **56th** anniversary of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day-2020 through a Webinar.
- Police Commemoration Day was observed on **October 21** in memory of the CRPF personnel who died at Hot Springs in Ladakh.
- According to the State of Global Air 2020 (SOGA 2020) report **India** has recorded the highest air pollution exposure globally in 2019.
- International Stuttering Awareness Day was observed annually on **October 22**.
- **Tushar Mehta** represented India at the 18th meeting of SCO Prosecutors General held via videolink.
- The Government has partnered with **FICCI** for the third edition of the Make-in-Odisha 2020.
- **P Umesh** will head the panel set up by IRDAI to examine the need for a standard cyber liability insurance product.
- **Pravir Krishna** has bagged the award for CEO of the year and as well as visionary leadership award.
- **Seema Gupta** has won the Gold Stevie Award 2020.
- Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day was observed on **October 21** to raise awareness about the essential micronutrient.
- The **6th** India International Science Festival will be held in the Virtual format from 22nd to 25th December, 2020.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has emerged as the Top Destination for Domestic Tourists in 2019.
- **IIT Kharagpur's** 'COVIRAP' - Novel Technology of COVID-19 Test has received the ICMR Certification.
- **Surat** now has India's longest BRTS network.
- **Meghalaya** launched the 'micro ATM' service in rural areas of the state.
- **Sushil Kumar Singhal** has been concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the Solomon Islands.
- **Indian Bank** has introduced an initiative for funding start-ups, 'IND Spring Board', in collaboration with the IIT-Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC).
- Nayini Narsimha Reddy who passed away recently, he was the first Home Minister of **Telangana**.
- World Snow Leopard's Day was observed on **October 23** to protect and conserve snow leopards and other wildlife of the Himalayas.
- **Haryana** has topped in the Anemia Mukta Bharat Index among 29 states in the country.

- **NS Tomar** has virtually inaugurated the 14th session of Food and Agri Week 2020.
- The United Nations Day was observed on **October 24** and has been celebrated since 1948.
- **Andorra** has joined the IMF and has become the organization's 190th member.
- **India** has assumed the chairmanship of the governing body of the International Labour Organization after a gap of 35 years.
- The NATO alliance has planned to set up a new space center in **Germany** to counter rising Russian and Chinese threat.
- Theme of World Polio Day 2020 - **A win against polio is a win for global health.**
- The government of **Karnataka** has given a nod to implement the Bhagyalakshmi scheme, which provides financial security to girl children of BPL families.
- Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi Palaniswami recently laid the foundation for nine industrial projects worth **10,062** crore in the state.
- **Saad al-Hariri** has been renamed as the Prime Minister of Lebanon a year after stepping down.
- Indian Navy has operationalized the first batch of **3** women pilots at Kochi and will be ready to fly the Dornier aircraft.
- World Development Information Day was annually held on **October 24** to draw the attention of worldwide public opinion to development problems.
- **Lt. General N K Sahoo** has assumed charge as the DG, Dental Services & Colonel Commandant of ADC.
- **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched the 'e-Dharti Geo portal'.
- **Pakistan** will remain in the grey list of global terror financing watchdog- FATF till February 2021.
- Jaya C Suvarna who passed away recently was the ex-president of **Billawara Association.**
- BPCL has tied up with **Fino Payments Bank** for recharging truck drivers' fleet cards.
- **Brookfield Asset Management** will buy an Indian developer's commercial properties for \$2 billion, the biggest real estate deal in the South Asian nation.
- EU along with **US** has launched a new bilateral dialogue on China.
- AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik has inaugurated the Regional Raw Drug Repository at **All India Institute of Ayurveda.**
- PM Narendra Modi is all set to inaugurate 3 projects including Kisan Suryodaya in **Gujarat.**
- **Bimal Julka** has been appointed as the Chairman of the Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports.
- Indian Railways has launched **Freight Business Development Portal** in order to boost freight business.
- Mastercard has partnered with **Atlantis** to expand its Digital First Program in India.
- Infantry Day was celebrated across J&K and Ladakh to mark the landing of Indian Army in Srinagar in 1947 on **October 27.**
- **Sarbpreet Singh** has written the book Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984.
- Naresh Kanodia who passed away due to COVID-19 at 77 was an eminent **Actor.**
- **Narendra Modi** will head the high-level committee set up by the Centre to commemorate Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur's 400th birth anniversary.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya** has inaugurated a direct port entry facility at VO Chidambaranar Port in Tuticorin, a move that will reduce logistics cost and boost ease of doing business.

- **SOFIA** observatory of NASA has discovered Water on A Sunlit Surface of the Moon.
- **Arjun Munda** has launched two Centers of Excellence for tribal welfare in partnership with Art of Living.
- **CSB Bank** has partnered with IIFL Finance for gold loan origination.
- International Animation Day was observed on **October 28** to celebrate the art and techniques of animation.
- AIM in association with **CSIRO** organizing a two-day hackathon on circular economy on 7 and 8 December.
- **IIT Kanpur** along with ASI has signed an MoU with two Italian institutes for restoration of monuments.
- India Post has signed an agreement with the postal service of **US** for electronic exchange of customs data.
- **SBI** has raised Rs 5,000 crore by issuing Basel-III compliant bonds.
- **Saman Habib** has been elected as the fellow of Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi.
- **Venkiah Naidu** has virtually launched the festival of 'Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music and Dance'.
- **SVC Bank** has tied up with the NPCI for a rewards programme.
- **Japan** has stated that it will achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- Disarmament Week which seeks to promote awareness and better understanding of disarmament issues was observed from **24 to 30th October**.
- Six-year-old Anzar Mustaeen Ali from **Bangladesh** has won the Global Art Competition conducted by ICCR.
- **BharatPe** has launched digital gold on its platform.
- On the lines of IPL cricket, a unique Plastic Premier League (PPL) tournament is being played in **Indore** in order to free the city from single use plastic.
- **Microsoft** has collaborated with NSDC to empower 1 lakh women with digital skills.
- With the Women Startup Summit 2020, the KSUM initiative that aims to boost female presence in entrepreneurial ventures gained key focus as a culminating event. KSUM is the government's nodal agency for entrepreneurship development in **Kerala**.
- Daniel Menaker who passed away recently was an award-winning **Author**.
- **CSB Bank** has partnered with IIFL Finance for sourcing retail gold-loan assets.
- India and the U.S. have signed **5** agreements including 'Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement' to allow sharing of high-end military technology.
- **Piyush Goyal** has launched the First-ever SCO Startup Forum ahead of SCO trade ministers meeting.
- International Internet Day was observed on **October 29** to commemorate a momentous day in the history of telecommunications and technology.
- Mesut Yilmaz who passed away at 72 was the former Prime Minister of **Turkey**.
- Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) was observed on **October 31** to mark the birth anniversary of Iron Man of India – Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- **Niti Aayog** along with Rockefeller Foundation & Smart Power India has launched the Electricity Access & Utility Benchmarking Report.

- **Kerala** has become the first one in the country to fix floor price for vegetables with rates to be effective from November 1.
- World Psoriasis Day was observed on **October 29** to raise awareness about challenges faced by those suffering from psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.
- The Cabinet committee has approved a **10,211-crore** project to improve the safety and performance of select dams across India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'Arogya Van', spread over 17 acres with a wide range of medicinal plants in **Gujarat**.
- **Meri Saheli** initiative started by Indian Railways to provide more safety and security to women passengers during their entire journey.
- World Cities Day was observed on **October 31** to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched the DST initiative SERB - POWER for women scientists. Under the SERB-POWER fellowship, women will receive a fellowship of **15,000** per month in addition to regular income.
- The Government has extended the payment date for 'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme the third time to **March 31, 2021**.
- The term of **Justice Bansi Lal Bhat** has been extended as the officiating NCLAT Chairperson till December 31.
- **Panna** Biosphere reserves of India has been included in the UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) programme.
- The Chief Minister of **Telangana** has launched the revamped Dharani portal to end corruption during land registration.
- **2** new sites from India have been designated as New Ramsar Sites.
- **IndusInd** Bank has become the first one to go live on RBI's 'Account Aggregator Framework'.
- According to the World Bank, Remittances to India will fall by **9** per cent to \$76 billion in 2020 due to COVID-19.
- The Chief Minister of **Odisha** has launched web portals for student scholarships and inter-caste marriage incentives.
- **Om Puri** has been posthumously awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award at IIFFB.
- World's first scientoon book "Bye Bye Corona" on Coronavirus has been written by **Pradeep Srivastava**.
- **Gully Boy** film has won the Best Original Music at 14th Asian Film Awards.
- Indian Navy has successfully test fired its anti-ship missile from **INS Kora** as a part of its military drill in Bay of Bengal.
- The government of **Punjab** has inked a MOU With GAME to Support MSMEs, In Partnership with Omidyar Network India.
- World Osteoporosis Day was observed on **October 20** to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya** has e-launched an indigenous software solution for Vessel traffic services (VTS) and Vessels Traffic Monitoring Systems (VTMS).
- The Embassy of **Israel** will have a separate 'Water Attache' in India from January 2021 to help share their country's best practices and technologies.

- The Chief minister of **Odisha** has launched the 'Mo Bidyut' portal, app to provide efficient, time-bound and transparent online service to the people of the State.
- International Chefs Day was observed on **October 20** to celebrate the noble profession.
- **SANT** missile has been successfully test fired from the Odisha coast.
- The tenure of **Ajay Kumar Bhalla** has been extended till August 22, 2021 as the home secretary.
- ISA recently conferred the Very First ISA Solar Awards at its Third Assembly. **Japan** won the Bharat Ratna M. Visvesvaraya award.
- **China** has retained the top spot in terms of total inflow of new migrants to OECD countries.
- **NK Singh** has written the book PORTRAITS OF POWER: Half a Century of Being at Ringside.
- **India** has been ranked as the Fourth Most Powerful Country in Asia.
- **Nokia** has been picked by NASA to build the first cellular network on the Moon.
- **IIIT Hyderabad** with NMDA have developed a Rapid Visual Screening (RVS) Primer to Mitigate Earthquake Risks.
- **Microsoft** has tied up with Elon Musk's SpaceX tie up to woo space customers and expand its cloud computing platform.
- The 5th Joint Working Group Meeting on Coal Between India and **Indonesia** will be held On November 5.
- **Hardeep Puri** chaired the 9th Session of India-Oman Joint Commission.
- The Finance Minister has recently held the 4th review meeting on CAPEX of **14** Central Public Sector Enterprises.
- **Alstom** has partnered with APSSDC for skill development in Sri City.
- **OSIRIS-REx** spacecraft of NASA has successfully touched the surface of an asteroid to collect pristine samples to return to the Earth.
- **Rohit Sharma** has become the brand ambassador of Vega.
- The Defence Minister has released a new version of DRDO Procurement Manual 2020. The previous manual was modified in **2016**.
- **Indian bank** has launched a credit scheme for start-ups in pact with IIT-Madras Incubation Cell.
- According to a recently released report by the UN's World Food Programme (WFP), an average Indian spends **3.5 percent** of daily income for a plate of food as compared by 0.6% by a New Yorker.
- **Rajendra Prasad Goyal** has been designated as the CFO of NHPC.
- **Bank of Baroda** has tied up with Toyota Kirloskar Motor to be one of the preferred financiers for the entire range of vehicles.
- **Rakayet Ul Karim Rakim** has won the Greenstorm International Nature Photography Contest.
- **Prahlad Singh Patel** has virtually launched the "Life in Miniature" project a collaboration between the National Museum, New Delhi, Ministry of Culture, and Google Arts & culture.
- The government of **Tamil Nadu** has implemented the Smart Black Board scheme in 80,000 government schools.
- Dr. Jayanta Madhab who passed away at the age of 91 was an eminent **Economist**.
- The Andhra Pradesh government has launched the YSR Bima scheme, the state government will pay **510 crore** every year as a premium for the scheme.

- The Chief Minister of **Uttarakhand** has launched the Integrated Model Agricultural Village Scheme.
- Vijayalakshmi Ramanan who passed away at 96 was the first woman officer in **Indian Air Force**.
- Indigenous stealth corvette **INS Kavaratti** has been recently commissioned into the Indian Navy.
- The Chief minister of **Assam** has laid the foundation stone of Agar International Trade Centre at Dabidubi.
- The Election commission has constituted a **2-member** panel to examine the issues concerning expenditure limit for a candidate considering increase in number of electors and rise in Cost Inflation Index and other factors.
- India is likely to hold the two plus two Ministerial Dialogue on October 27 with **US**.
- According to UNCTAD, the Global trade is likely to fall by **7 to 9** per cent in 2020.
- **ACKO** has partnered with Finserv MARKETS to Offer Car and Bike Insurance.
- In order to boost organic farming and food production, SIFCO has begun construction of integrated food processing units in **Sikkim**.
- The Women & Child welfare Department of **Maharashtra** has launched an initiative to fulfill nutritional requirements of lactating mothers & children.
- **Mandi** district has bagged the top position among 30 districts of the country in successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
- **Nitin Gadkari** has launched India's first-ever high-quality Khadi Fabric Footwear.
- According to a recent statement by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the FDI in India rose to over **358** billion during 2014-20.
- Zero Babu who passed away recently was a renowned **Singer**.
- The Department of Posts will soon be releasing a stamp in the presence of External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar on the event of the **75th** anniversary of the United Nations.
- PM Narendra Modi has approved an MoU for ICAI to help strengthen **Papua New Guinea's** financial and audit knowledge base.
- **Ghanshyam Jha** has been appointed as the Chairman of J&K Water Resources Regulatory Authority.
- The Union Cabinet has given Nod to MoU between India and **Nigeria** for peaceful Space Cooperation.
- **UNDP** has partnered with the European Investment Fund (EIF) to develop initiatives for implementation of SDGs and sustainable finance.
- CBSE has recently introduced facial recognition systems for accessing digital documents of **10th and 12th** classes.
- **Dr Jajini Varghese** has been honored as the 'Outstanding Young Person of the World 2020' for scientific contributions to diagnosing and treating breast cancer.
- **Nippon Life** insurance company was the sole investor in the World Bank issued a 15-year AU\$150 million Sustainable Development Bond.
- **NTPC** has ranked first among Indian PSUs in Forbes' 'World's Best Employer 2020'.
- Dr Jayanta Madhab who passed away recently was an eminent **Economist**.
- Indian diplomat **Neena Malhotra** has been appointed as the next Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino.

- International Day of Diplomats was celebrated on **October 24**.
- **Alexander Zverev** has won his 8th match at the ATP Cologne 2020.
- Theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week being observed from 27th October to 2nd November, 2020 - **Satark Bharat, Samridhd Bharat**.
- The Indo-Tibetan Border Police on October 24th, celebrated its **59th Raising Day** across the country.
- The Income tax return filing deadline for the Financial year 2020 has been extended till **December 31,2020**.
- **Alpha Conde** has won his third term as the President of Guinea.
- **Bangladesh** has decided that no service will be provided to people who don't wear masks.
- The Reserve Bank of India has barred payment system operators from launching new QR codes. Currently there are **2** types of interoperable QR codes available.
- BSE has inked a MoU with **ICICI** bank to support SMEs and start-ups in listing.
- India's First Sand Dune Park will come up in **Goa** with the Support of World Bank.
- **Wavel Ramkalawan** has been elected as President of Seychelles.
- Mahesh Kanodia who passed away recently was a veteran **Singer**.
- **Luis Alberto Arce Catacora** has won the Bolivian Presidential Election With 55% of Votes.
- India-assisted Mangdechhu hydroelectric project in Bhutan has won **Brunei Medal** for excellence in civil engineering.
- India ranked **131** in the global mobile internet speed ranking by Ookla.
- World Day for Audiovisual Heritage was observed on **October 27** to raise awareness of the significance and preservation risks of recorded sound.
- **Samsung** has beaten Amazon, IBM to Top the Forbes List of World's Best Employers.
- **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Portuguese GP to break Michael Schumacher's F1 record.
- Lee Kun-hee who passed away at 78 was the chairman of **Samsung**.
- **Aryna Sabalenka** has won the Ostrava Open WTA tournament.
- **Ladakh** has launched a 100-day campaign to provide potable water supply in schools and anganwadi centres.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has decided to establish an anti-human trafficking Police Stations in each and every district.
- Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker will attend the **6th** BRICS Parliamentary Forum.
- IIT Kharagpur in Partnership with **TCS** has set a New trend in India's Advanced Manufacturing Sector for remotely controlled factory operations.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has secured the first rank in disbursing loans under PM Swanidhi Scheme.
- **V.Muraleedharan** has inaugurated the philately exhibition on 'India and the UN: A Postal History'.
- NBFCs have approached RBI for inclusion as beneficiaries to on-tap TLTRO. The operations will be conducted till **March 31, 2021**.
- **3rd** edition of the India-US 2 plus 2 Ministerial Dialogue was held in New Delhi.

- The Ministry of **Earth Sciences** has dedicated Flash Flood Guidance services for South Asian countries.
- According to the RBI revised norms for housing finance firms, home financiers must have at least **60 per cent** of all their assets in housing finance by 31 march, 2024.
- The Central government has constituted a **14-member** panel to bring in reforms in the urban planning education system.
- According to the Global Wealth Report 2020 by Credit Suisse, the Wealth of Indian adults has risen **0.6 per cent** despite covid-19.
- HAL has signed a contract with **Tech Mahindra** worth Rs 400 crore for 'Project Parivartan'.
- **SBI** has tied up with global education platform edX.
- India has extended a **1 billion** credit line to Central Asian countries for priority projects.
- The World's Longest Immersed Tunnel Will Connect **Germany and Denmark** and is scheduled to be opened by 2029.
- India along with **UK** has agreed to establish a bilateral Sustainable Finance Forum to drive forward deeper cooperation on sustainable finance.
- **European Commission** has signed an MoU with ICSSR for implementing an arrangement to enhance scientific cooperation.
- **RK Mathur** inaugurated the Ultimate Ladakh Cycling Challenge.
- **SBI** has raised USD 1 billion untied loan with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.
- Centre has notified new laws allowing any Indian citizen to buy land in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- Delhi CM Kejriwal has launched the 'Green Delhi' mobile app to check air pollution. The mobile app is part of the government's **Yudh Pradushan Ke Virudh** campaign.
- Keshubhai Patel who passed away at the age of 92 was the former chief minister of **Gujarat**.
- **SAI** secure messaging application launched by the Indian Army as a messaging application similar to WhatsApp.
- In **Tamil Nadu**, Young Advocates Welfare Fund been launched to provide monthly financial assistance of three thousand rupees.
- **India** is hosting the 19th Meeting of SCO Ministers of Foreign Economy & Foreign Trade.
- Scientists from **MIT** have designed a face mask that can inactivate coronavirus using heat.
- **DBS** bank has been named Asia's Safest Bank for the 12th consecutive year.
- ISRO will launch an earth observation satellite and **9** commercial satellites in November 2020.
- Global Handwashing Day was observed on **October 15** to motivate and mobilize people around the world to improve their hand washing habits.
- **Tokyo** is all set to host the international gymnastics event hosted in November.
- Bhanu Athaiya who passed away recently at the age of 91 was an eminent **Costume designer**.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a Special package worth **520** crore in the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for a period of five year till FY 2023-24.
- **Dr Harsh Vardhan** has launched the second phase of "Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna" for underprivileged thalassemic patients.
- **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** has launched the ARHC portal to provide dignified and affordable living spaces to varied groups of urban migrants.

- Theme of the International Day of Rural Women observed on 15th October - **Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19.**
- **Punjab** government launches its own SC post-matric scholarship scheme.
- John R Reid who passed away at the age of 92 was a former cricketer from **New Zealand.**
- **PhonePe** has launched car and bike insurance in association with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.
- World Food Day was observed on **October 16** to mark the founding of the FAO of the UN in 1945.
- IRDAI has asked life insurance companies to launch a standard term insurance policy named **Saral Jeevan Bima** by January 1, 2021 to help customers make informed decisions.
- Sooronbai Jeenbekov who resigned recently was the President of **Kyrgyzstan.**
- **Pradeep Goorha** has written the Book "Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon".
- **Harsh Vardhan Shringla** has inaugurated the 1st edition of Lectures designed to introduce India to foreign diplomats posted in New Delhi.
- Films Division is streaming the documentary of **APJ Abdul Kalam** on its website and YouTube Channel.
- 2nd vaccine **EpiVacCorona** approved by Russia after Sputnik V in order to treat covid19.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has decided to set up a woman help desk in every police station of the state.
- **Delhi** has launched the 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' initiative.
- **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated Asia's longest ZojiLa Tunnel works virtually by igniting ceremonial blasts.
- The J&K Government has inked an MoU with **Flipkart** to provide a platform for local artisans, craftsmen, weavers to reach customers worldwide.
- **Harish Kotecha** has been awarded the prestigious Sandra Neese Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his work in the US for meeting the needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness.
- **India** has been designated as the Vice-Chair of OECD Working Group on Good Laboratory Practice.
- **NTPC** has collaborated with cement manufacturers across the country to supply fly ash.
- **CCI** has approved the acquisition of solar projects of Adani Green Energy Ten Limited by Adani Green Energy Twenty-Three Ltd.
- **mooPay** app launched by Stellapps for dairy farmers in Rajasthan.
- **Indian Bank** has inked an MoU with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for payment of subsidy to street vendors under the Centre's SVANidhi Scheme.
- **Axis Mutual Fund** has launched a new fund offering dealing passive funds.
- According to the recently released WHO report on TB, India has seen a **25-30** percent in TB cases.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has launched the "My Town My Pride" to provide governance at the doorsteps in urban areas on the pattern of the "Back to Village" programme.
- **Rohan Jaitley** has been elected unopposed as the president of Delhi and District Cricket Association.
- The New Zealand Prime Minister has been elected for the **2nd** term after a landslide election victory.
- **Andrey Rublev** has won the St. Petersburg Open 2020.

- The Health Minister for Health & Family Welfare of **Nagaland** has launched a handbook on “TB Harega, Desh Jeetega”.
- Tata Motors partners with **HDFC** for financing of passenger vehicles.
- Naval exercise **SLINEX** scheduled to be conducted by the Indian and Sri Lankan Navy off Trincomalee.
- PS Narayanaswamy who passed away recently was a renowned **Carnatic vocalist**.
- CRPF has collaborated with DRDO, JATC and **IIT Delhi** to augment its R&D capabilities.
- **Aishwarya Sridhar** has become the first Indian woman to win at Wildlife Photographer of the Year awards.
- India has successfully conducted the Night Trial of **Prithivi 2** Nuclear-Capable Missiles from Odisha Test Range.
- BrahMos missile has been recently test-fired from **INS Chennai** destroyers from Arabian Sea.
- Umar Gul who retired from all forms of cricket at the age of 36, played for **Pakistan**.
- **Elavenil Valarivan** has won gold at the 2020 Sheikh Russel International Air Rifle Championship organized by Bangladesh Shooting Sport Federation (BSSF).
- Pradip Ghosh who passed away recently was a veteran **Vocalist**.
- **Shashi Tharoor** has announced the launch of his new book ‘The Battle Of Belonging: On Nationalism, Patriotism, And What It Means To Be Indian’.
- **Post Malone** has won nine honors at the 2020 Billboard Music Awards.
- **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the India Energy Forum.
- **Nozomi Okuhara** has clinched the Women’s Singles title at Denmark Open.
- Science-Society-Setu webinar series has been initiated by **Department of Science and Technology** to strengthen S&T capacity of NGOs & Communities.
- **ADTL** has signed the first two defense contracts worth Rs.753 crores, with the Ministry of Defence and Russia’s RAC MiG.
- **Sashidhar Jagdishan** has been appointed as MD & CEO of HDFC Bank.
- **CSIR-CMERI** institution has developed a Sustainable Municipal Solid Waste Processing Facility.
- The Central government has amended the Panchayat law to set up District Development Councils in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- **Dharani** portal has been created by the Telangana government to safeguard ownership of immovable property.
- The first ever SCO Startup Forum launched on **October 27**, ahead of the SCO trade ministers meeting.
- The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) will launch **Ayushman Sahakar** scheme to fund co-operative healthcare facilities.
- **Sana Hazari** has recently won the Young Achievers Award 2020.
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty was observed on **October 17**.
- India got **94th** rank on the recently released Global Hunger Index 2020.
- **1.1 lakh crore** was borrowed by the Central government under the special window to meet the shortfall of GST compensation.

- The Navy of **Myanmar** acquires its first submarine, INS' retrofitted Sindhuvir for training and operations.
- **Jana Bank** is all set to be the sponsor bank for Ashoknagar Cooperative Bank.
- **Vishal Sharma** has been appointed as the next Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO.
- **Kapila Kalam program** virtually launched by the Union Education Minister to promote IP Literacy and Awareness Education campaign.
- **Michael Irani** has been appointed as the interim president of The International Weightlifting Federation.
- GreenBase has signed an MoU with **Tamil Nadu** to set up an industrial and logistics park at an investment of Rs 750 crore.
- **Bank of Ghana** has won the Central bank of the year award 2020.
- **Justice MB Lokur** has been appointed by the Supreme Court to Monitor Prevention of Stubble Burning.
- **SBI** has been authorized to issue and encash Electoral Bonds from October 19-28.
- **Nirmala Sitharaman** participated in the 102nd meeting of the World Bank Development Committee Plenary.
- **IDBI** has launched its banking services on WhatsApp.
- The Institute of Advanced Virology first phase has been operationalized in **Kerala** to enable high end medical research and give more support to the state to tackle the covid-19 epidemic.
- **Rajkiran Rai** has been elected as the new chief of IBA.
- **SCALE India** app launched by the Leather Sector Skill Council to integrate quality assurance across all its services.
- **Manoj Sinha** has launched the mobile app for Vaishno Devi devotees in Srinagar.
- India has held its first joint commission meeting with **Chile** to add momentum to their relations in a wide range of fields including trade & commerce, agriculture & health.
- **Seema Gupta** has won the 2020 Stevie Awards for Women in Business.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government will launch a 6-month long women empowerment programme 'Mission Shakti'.
- RBI has imposed a Rs 4.5-crore penalty on **IndusInd** Bank for non-compliance with its directions with respect to certain provisions of directions issued by it on 'Exposure Norms', 'Prudential Norms on Income Recognition, Asset Classification and Provisioning pertaining to Advances', among others.
- **Narendra Singh Tomar** has inaugurated the Food and Agri Week 2020.
- **India** will host the virtual Summit of Ministers of Justice of Shanghai Cooperation Organization.
- **Nitin Gadkari** has laid the foundation stone for the country's first multi-modal logistic park in Assam.
- The Government of **West Bengal** has launched a campaign To Curb Elephant Deaths Due to Electrocution.
- **Singapore** has become the First Country to use Facial Recognition to Pay Taxes.
- **RPF** paramilitary organization has launched the 'Meri Saheli' initiative on AP Express for women passengers.

- **Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance** has launched the Invest 4G plan with multiple saving options, protection cover.
- Kati Bihu was celebrated in **Assam**.
- Major stock exchange BSE has joined hands with the government of **Telangana** along with GlobalLinker, to help micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) raise equity funds.
- **Fino** bank add 300 more points at BPCL outlets in Tamil Nadu.
- **Jason Kokrak** has won the first ever PGA Tour victory at the CJ Cup in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Food regulator FSSAI's new food safety compliance platform to become operational across India from **November, 2020**.
- **Anika Chebrolu** has recently won America's Young Scientist Challenge.
- **Kiren Rijiju** represented India in the Y20 Global Summit.
- India has invited **Australia** to join the Malabar naval exercises in snub to China.
- **Vineet Nayyar** has resigned as the Executive Vice-Chairman of IL&FS Group.
- **Lewis Hamilton** has been named as the brand ambassador of LG signs.
- NITI Aayog establish Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Centre with **AWS**.
- The Government of India has signed a **177-million-dollar** loan pact with ADB to upgrade 450 kms of state highways & major district roads in Maharashtra.
- **Madhabi Puri Buch** will head the Market Data Advisory Committee constituted by SEBI.
- **Bank of Baroda** has inked a pact with Mahindra & Mahindra for tractor finance.
- ITBP has launched a cycling expedition from its Pegong base in **Sikkim**.
- **Paytm** is all set to introduce co-branded credit cards in India.
- India has collaborated with **Netherlands** with the purpose of providing digital health facilities.
- **Priyanka Chopra** has been roped in by Parle Agro's B-Fizz as its brand ambassador.
- **CSIR-IHBT** has made history by introducing asafoetida (Heeng) cultivation in Indian Himalayan region.
- **Tech Mahindra** has signed an agreement with Sumitomo corp for setting up a joint venture to provide engineering service to the automotive sector.
- Pradip Ghosh who passed away recently was a veteran **Elocutionist**.
- World Statistics Day was observed on **October 20** to reflect the importance of trust, authoritative data, innovation and the public good in national statistical systems.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

- What is the theme of the International Teachers Day 2020?
(1) Right to a qualified teacher
(2) Empowering Teachers to the future
(3) The Future of the Profession; Young Teachers
(4) Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future
(5) None of these
- Which day is observed as United Nations (UN) Day (2020 marks 75th anniversary)?
(1) October 15 (2) October 24 (3) October 15 (4) October 27 (5) None of these
- Which among the following organizations has decided to introduce from January 1, 2021, the 'positive pay system' for cheque?
(1) SIDBI (2) RBI (3) SEBI (4) NABARD (5) None of these
- RBI to conduct the first-ever Open Market Operations (OMOs) in State Developments Loans (SDLs) for _____.
(1) Rs 25,000 crore (2) Rs 20,000 crore (3) Rs 15,000 crore
(4) Rs 10,000 crore (5) None of these
- According to the recent guideline by RBI, Housing Finance Companies should have to deploy how much percent of their net assets for providing finance for housing?
(1) 60% (2) 74% (3) 49% (4) 99% (5) None of these
- What is the deadline set by RBI for Payment System Operators (PSOs) to shift from proprietary QR codes to interoperable QR codes?
(1) March 31, 2022 (2) December 31, 2021 (3) March 31 2021
(4) December 31, 2022 (5) None of these
- Which of the following banks launches the financial inclusion initiative "Gram Sampark Abhiyan" presented by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar?
(1) Union Bank of India (2) Punjab National Bank (3) Canara Bank
(4) Bank of Maharashtra (5) None of these
- Which Private bank has launched a co-branded forex card Partnered with Vistara that can load up to 16 currencies?
(1) ICICI Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) Axis Bank (4) Federal Bank (5) None of these
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the business mentoring programme 'MSME Prerana' of which bank?
(1) Bank of India (2) Indian Bank (3) Canara Bank
(4) ICICI Bank (5) None of these
- 'Together We Can' is the tagline of which bank?
(1) State Bank of India (2) Canara Bank (3) Indian Bank
(4) Union Bank of India (5) None of these
- Which of the following companies has partnered with Finserv MARKETS to Offer Car and Bike Insurance?
(1) Max Bupa (2) Religare (3) ACKO (4) Apollo Munich (5) None of these
- Which of the following state governments has inaugurated its first Pirul power project?
(1) Karnataka (2) Uttarakhand (3) Meghalaya (4) Telangana (5) None of these

13. Which Indian state has launched a portal called 'Kritagyata', an online pension submission and tracking system?
 (1) Assam (2) Tripura (3) Karnataka (4) MP (5) None of these
14. Which state government has launched the construction of 750 rural stadiums and playgrounds under 'Rural Transformation Strategy'?
 (1) Bihar (2) Haryana (3) Assam (4) Punjab (5) None of these
15. Name the state government which has launched 'Gram Darshan' platform to enable the digital accessibility of data of gram panchayats?
 (1) Mizoram (2) Haryana (3) Maharashtra (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
16. Which of the following States has launched a mobile app 'Kisan Rath' to promote the buyer-seller network?
 (1) Assam (2) Kerala (3) Tripura (4) Mizoram (5) None of these
17. Which state has launched the 'DISHTAVO' online e-learning platform for higher education?
 (1) Haryana (2) UP (3) Goa (4) HP (5) None of these
18. Which Indian state has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' state in the country?
 (1) Sikkim (2) Gujarat (3) MP (4) Uttarakhand (5) Goa
19. Name the state/UT which has launched the first-of-its-kind tree transplantation policy.
 (1) Manipur (2) New Delhi (3) Chhattisgarh (4) J&K (5) None of these
20. Which state government launches "Sujal Mission" to Provide Quality Drinking Water in Urban Areas?
 (1) Manipur (2) Assam (3) Jharkhand (4) Odisha (5) None of these
21. Which of the following states to set up the world's biggest Zinc Smelter project?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Gujarat (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
22. Which Indian state launches its first Water taxi service with a seating capacity for 10 passengers?
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Kerala
 (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
23. Which Indian state launched a women's safety campaign named "Safe City Project"?
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Maharashtra
 (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
24. Which of the following states has launched a campaign to Curb Elephant Deaths Due to Electrocutation?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) West Bengal (3) Madhya Pradesh
 (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
25. Which Indian state is planning to implement Bhagyalakshmi scheme under the Sukanya Samridhi Account scheme of India Post?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Gujarat (3) Maharashtra (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
26. National Authority of Ship Recycling will be set up in which place?
 (1) Gandhinagar, Gujarat (2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu (3) Cuttack, Odisha
 (4) Visakhapatnam, Andhra (5) None of these

27. The Zojila Tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) provides all-weather connectivity between Srinagar valley and which city?
 (1) Baramulla (2) Leh (3) Anantnag (4) Manali (5) None of these
28. Asan Conservation Reserve has become a Ramsar site making it a Wetland of International Importance. It is located in which state?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Himachal Pradesh (3) Uttarakhand
 (4) Arunachal Pradesh (5) None of these
29. India's First ever plantation of Heeng (Asafoetida) cultivation is located in which Indian state?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Karnataka (4) Himachal Pradesh (5) None of these
30. India's first-ever multi-modal logistics park in _____ was laid the foundation stone by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.
 (1) Assam (2) Bihar (3) Maharashtra (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
31. The longest temple ropeway project of the world has been inaugurated in which of the following states/UTs?
 (1) Chhattisgarh (2) Gujarat (3) Jammu & Kashmir
 (4) Haryana (5) None of these
32. Pilibhit tiger reserve is located in which state?
 (1) Assam (2) Jharkhand (3) Rajasthan (4) Gujarat (5) Uttar Pradesh
33. Name the missile successfully test-fired by India at the APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
 (1) Agni (2) Shaurya (3) Akash (4) Indra (5) None of these
34. Name the India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile, which was flight tested recently by DRDO
 (1) RUDRAM (2) DHRUVA (3) AKASH (4) SURYA (5) None of these
35. India to deliver Kilo class submarine INS Sindhuvir, to which country for training purpose?
 (1) Malaysia (2) Bhutan (3) Bangladesh (4) Myanmar (5) None of these
36. Name the India's first indigenous surface-to-surface strategic missile, which has been developed by DRDO?
 (1) Gagan-1 (2) Agni-3 (3) Prithvi-2 (4) Akash-2 (5) None of these
37. Name the air-to-surface anti-tank missile, which was tested successfully by the DRDO recently?
 (1) SUMITRA (2) SANT (3) AGNI (4) NAAG (5) None of these
38. Which of the following was successful in launching an anti-ship missile by its Missile Corvette INS Prabal?
 (1) Indian Navy (2) Indian Army (3) Indian Air Force
 (4) CISF (5) None of these
39. India and which country explores co-production and co-development in defence production?
 (1) Turkmenistan (2) Kazakhstan (3) Bangladesh
 (4) Azerbaijan (5) None of these
40. Who has been appointed as the head of the committee constituted by AICTE to formulate the professional Engineers Bill?
 (1) Brajesh Mishra (2) Natwar Singh (3) M.S. Ananth
 (4) Sanjaya Baru (5) None of these

41. Who has been appointed as the head formed by NITI Aayog to look into introducing reforms in the urban planning education system?
(1) Injeti Srinivas (2) Rajiv Kumar (3) Suresh Sethi
(4) Bibek Debroy (5) None of these
42. Who heads the 9-member panel constituted by IRDAI to Examine Need for Standard Cyber Insurance Product?
(1) Akash Chaturvedi (2) P Umesh (3) Sunil Gurbaxani
(4) Rajiv Gauba (5) None of these
43. PM Modi to release a commemorative coin on the 75th anniversary of which of the following international organizations?
(1) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
(2) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
(3) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
(4) World Bank (WB)
(5) None of these
44. Ramesh Pokhriyal inaugurates Innovation & Incubation Center and Sports Complex at which institute?
(1) IIT Bombay (2) IIIT Kanpur (3) IIT Jodhpur (4) IIT Madras (5) None of these
45. Who among the following has e-launched an indigenous software solution for Vessel traffic services (VTS) and Vessels Traffic Monitoring Systems (VTMS)?
(1) Prahlad Singh Patel (2) Amit Shah (3) Nitin Gadkari
(4) Mansukh Mandaviya (5) None of these
46. PM Narendra Modi launched Kisan Suryodaya yojana in which Indian state (October 2020)?
(1) Odisha (2) Gujarat (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
47. PM Modi has inaugurated the Paediatric Heart Hospital, which is India's biggest hospital for cardiology. It is in which city?
(1) Bhopal (2) Patna (3) Ahmedabad (4) Surat (5) None of these
48. 5th Joint Working Group on Coal held between India and which country?
(1) Maldives (2) Indonesia (3) Germany (4) Japan (5) None of these
49. Which state government has signed an MoU with Denmark in the water sector?
(1) Karnataka (2) Gujarat (3) Maharashtra (4) Nagaland (5) None of these
50. Which bank has signed MoU with Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) to provide digital payment solutions to retailers and distributors?
(1) Bank of India (2) Punjab National Bank (3) Canara Bank
(4) State Bank of India (5) None of these
51. Which of the following organizations has partnered with HelpAge India to afford digital literacy to rural elderly citizens under the "Aalambana" project?
(1) National e-Governance Division (NeGD)
(2) Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
(3) Common Services Centre (CSC)
(4) Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
(5) None of these

52. India has Partnered with which country to launch the constellation of maritime surveillance satellites to trace illegal spillage of oil by ships?
(1) China (2) Germany (3) France (4) Russia (5) None of these
53. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has partnered with which food tech company to take street vendors online?
(1) Fast Food (2) Zomato (3) Swiggy (4) FoodPanda (5) None of these
54. Which of the following universities has signed a MoU with AYUSH ministry to promote research in Ayurvedic sciences?
(1) Amity University (2) Madras University (3) Delhi University
(4) Chandigarh University (5) None of these
55. Which of the following banks has partnered with Apollo Hospitals for offering a holistic healthcare solution to patients?
(1) UCO Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) Axis Bank (4) SBI (5) None of these
56. Centre approves signing an MoC in the field of Cyber-Security between India and Which Country?
(1) Italy (2) France (3) Australia (4) Germany (5) Japan
57. Which of the following states partners with India Posts to get farmers enrolled in the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme?
(1) Gujarat (2) Kerala (3) Mizoram (4) Maharashtra (5) Goa
58. The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU between India and which country to promote cooperation in sustainable groundwater management?
(1) France (2) Bhutan (3) Australia (4) Sri Lanka (5) None of these
59. Which bank has signed an MoU with SIDBI and Housing Ministry for payment of subsidy to street vendors under Centre's SVA Nidhi Scheme?
(1) Bank of Baroda (2) State Bank of India (3) Indian Bank
(4) ICICI Bank (5) None of these
60. Tata Motors has collaborated with which bank for financing of its passenger vehicles through "Gradual Step-Up Scheme" and "TML Flexi Drive Scheme"?
(1) Axis Bank (2) Canara Bank (3) HDFC Bank (4) Union Bank (5) None of these
61. South Western Railway signed an MoU with Which of the following Metro Rail Corporation to provide multi-transit integration facilities?
(1) Chennai (2) Mumbai (3) Hyderabad (4) Kochi (5) Bengaluru
62. Which company in association with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has launched a multipurpose credit card for Delhi metro commuters?
(1) PayPal (2) Amazon Pay (3) SBI Card (4) MasterCard (5) None of these
63. Which IIT in partnership with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) developed a 'novel Industry 4.0 Technology' for remotely controlled factory operations?
(1) IIT Bombay (2) IIT Madras (3) IIT Kharagpur (4) IIT Delhi (5) None of these
64. Indian Bank in collaboration with which IIT Incubation Cell has launched an exclusive credit facility of up to Rs 50 crore for start-ups namely "IND SpringBoard"?
(1) IIT Kanpur (2) IIT Madras (3) IIT Guwahati (4) IIT Mandi (5) None of these

65. Which Private bank has partnered with YAP and Zenpay Solutions to issue salary cards to its customers?
(1) CSB Bank (2) Axis Bank (3) RBL Bank (4) HDFC Bank (5) None of these
66. Which of the following banks has tied up with Toyota Kirloskar Motor to be one of the preferred financiers for the entire range of vehicles?
(1) ICICI Bank (2) Indian Bank (3) HDFC Bank (4) Bank of Baroda (5) None of these
67. Which of the following organizations has approved a loan USD 241 million for the Mumbai Metro Rail II Project?
(1) Asian Development Bank (2) International Monetary Fund (3) World Bank
(4) New Development Bank (5) None of these
68. ADB and which state Government has signed a loan agreement worth USD 177 million for road improvement?
(1) Karnataka (2) Telangana (3) Maharashtra (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
69. World Bank sanctions Rs 3 crore to set up India's first Sand Dune Park in which Indian state?
(1) Gujarat (2) Haryana (3) Goa (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
70. According to the World Bank, India's GDP is expected to contract by how much percent for the FY21?
(1) 7.8% (2) 9.6% (3) 8.6% (4) 7.9% (5) None of these
71. Which of the following FinTech companies has launched a Brand Campaign with Record 11 Cricket Stars as Brand Ambassadors?
(1) Paytm (2) MobiKwik (3) Google Pay (4) BharatPe (5) None of these
72. Which Company has collaborated with NPCI to launch a zero-touch digital card powered by RuPay named 'Salary Card'?
(1) iServefinancial (2) NeoGrowth Credit (3) EarlySalary
(4) Tap Financial Technologies (5) None of these
73. Which of the following company has launched a UPI-based credit option known as FlexPay?
(1) American Express (2) Vivifi India Finance (3) Master Card
(4) PNB Finance (5) None of these
74. Stellapps has launched a fully-automated direct payment platform, 'mooPay', for dairy farmers of which state?
(1) Rajasthan (2) Haryana (3) Punjab (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
75. Which of the following companies has been picked by NASA to build the first cellular network on the Moon?
(1) Samsung (2) Motorola (3) Nokia (4) Xiaomi (5) None of these
76. Which Organization has introduced a "very high risk" category on its Mutual Funds (MF) risk-o-meter tool to determine the level of risk on each mutual fund scheme?
(1) SIDBI (2) RBI (3) BSE (4) SEBI (5) None of these
77. Famous chili "Dalle Khursani" recently got a GI tag based on which state?
(1) Manipur (2) Sikkim (3) Tripura (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
78. Which of the following country becomes the 1st nation to approve genetically modified wheat?
(1) Brazil (2) Argentina (3) France (4) Italy (5) None of these

79. Name the spacecraft of Northrop Grumman Cygnus (NG-14 Cygnus) which was launched by NASA recently.
 (1) Isaac Newton (2) SS Kalpana Chawla (3) APJ Abdul Kalam
 (4) Albert Einstein (5) None of these
80. Which of the following Educational institutes has developed the diagnostic technology 'COVIRAP'?
 (1) IIT-Madras (2) IIT-Bombay (3) IIT-Delhi (4) IIT-Kharagpur (5) None of these
81. Which of the following state/UT has first-ever airport of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to become entirely solar-powered?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Puducherry (3) Gujarat
 (4) Chhattisgarh (5) None of these
82. Naugarh railway station was renamed as Siddharthnagar railway station is located at which of the following state?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Maharashtra (3) Gujarat (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
83. Which is the only city in India to have longest Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) network?
 (1) Patna (2) Mumbai (3) Kolkata (4) Surat (5) None of these
84. Who has been given the additional charge of National Security Guard (NSG)?
 (1) P Rajesh Kumar (2) Surjeet Singh Deswal (3) Sunil Sethi
 (4) A K Singh (5) None of these
85. Name the whole time SEBI member who has received an extension in tenure for a year (October 2020)?
 (1) Sanjay Bajaj (2) Madhabi Puri Buch (3) Dinesh Kumar
 (4) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala (5) None of these
86. Who has been appointed as the fourth Deputy Governor of RBI?
 (1) Anil Sabharwal (2) Sachin Chaturvedi (3) Shatrughan Sinha
 (4) M Rajeshwar Rao (5) None of these
87. Who has been recently appointed as Chairman of the State Bank of India?
 (1) Rajeev Setty (2) Dinesh Kumar Khara (3) Amarnath Singh
 (4) Vineet Sharma (5) None of these
88. RBI has extended the term of _____ as Chairman and Managing Director of the Jammu & Kashmir bank.
 (1) Atul Kumar Goel (2) J Packirisamy (3) RK Chhibber
 (4) Rajkiran Rai G (5) None of these
89. Who has been given as the additional charge of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution?
 (1) Dharmendra Pradhan (2) Nitin Gadkari (3) Harsha Vardhan
 (4) Piyush Goyal (5) None of these
90. SEBI has inducted whom as a member of the Technical Group on Social Stock Exchange (SSE)?
 (1) Ajay Tyagi (2) R. Balasubramaniam (3) Suresh Sethi
 (4) Subhash Chandra Khuntia (5) None of these

91. Srikant Datar has been named as the second Indian-descent dean of which institute?
(1) Harvard Business School (2) Stanford Graduate School of Business
(3) London Business School (4) Esade Business School (5) None of these
92. Who has been appointed as the head of the panel of secretaries to streamline the spectrum allocation process?
(1) Rajiv Gauba (2) Injet Srinivas (3) Kasthuri Rajan
(4) Rajiv Mehrishi (5) None of these
93. Who among the following has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Netherlands?
(1) Suresh Sethi (2) Sardar Singh (3) Vivek Mohanty
(4) Pradeep Kumar Rawat (5) None of these
94. Which of the following countries has been re-Elected as Co-President of the International Solar Alliance?
(1) Colombia (2) France (3) Taiwan (4) Germany (5) None of these
95. Name the Prime Minister of New Zealand who has been elected for a second term in the Parliamentary election recently?
(1) Sanna Marin (2) Ross Ardern (3) Jacinda Ardern
(4) Scott Morrison (5) None of these
96. Who has been appointed by Supreme Court to Monitor Prevention of Stubble Burning?
(1) Ranjan Gogoi (2) Sanjay Sharma (3) Dipak Mishra
(4) Madan Bhimarao Lokur (5) None of these
97. Who has been appointed by Indian Banks' Association (IBA) new Chairman for 2020-21?
(1) Rajkiran Rai G (2) Karnam Sekar (3) Nanda Kumar
(4) Rajnish Kumar (5) None of these
98. Name the Home Secretary of India, whose term has been extended till August 2021?
(1) Kishan Reddy (2) Pradeep Kumar Sinha (3) Rajiv Gauba
(4) Ajay Kumar Bhalla (5) None of these
99. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador to Republic of San Marino?
(1) Harsh Kumar Shringla (2) Neena Malhotra (3) Navtej Sarna
(4) Taranjit Singh Sandhu (5) None of these
100. Who has been Appointed as the Prime minister of Lebanon (October 2020)?
(1) Shavkat Mirziyoyev (2) Mustafa Adib (3) Denys Shmyhal
(4) Saad El-Din Hariri (5) None of these
101. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO)?
(1) Ajay Kumar Bhalla (2) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala (3) Rajiv Kumar
(4) Apurva Chandra (5) None of these
102. Who among the following has assumed charge as the DG, Dental Services & Colonel Commandant of ADC?
(1) Anil Kumar (2) N K Sahoo (3) Nitin Singh
(4) Surendra Rao (5) None of these

103. Name the company which appointed Stein Ivar Bye as its chief executive officer.
 (1) BPCL (2) ExxonMobil (3) HPCL (4) Essar Oil (5) None of these
104. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Water Resources Regulatory Authority?
 (1) Ananta Barua (2) Ghanshyam Jha (3) Ajay Malhotra
 (4) G. Mahalingam (5) None of these
105. Sooronbai Jeenbekov has recently resigned as the President of which country?
 (1) Israel (2) Turkmenistan (3) Uzbekistan (4) Kyrgyzstan (5) None of these
106. Pradeep Maharathy who has passed away, was the former minister of which state?
 (1) Odisha (2) Karnataka (3) Telangana (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
107. Justice K K Usha, who has passed away recently, was the first women Chief Justice of which High Court?
 (1) Allahabad (2) Chennai (3) Bombay (4) Kerala (5) None of these
108. Former cricket player John Richard Reid who has passed away recently played for which country?
 (1) South Africa (2) Australia (3) Netherland
 (4) West Indies (5) New Zealand
109. Which of the following state has won the PATA (Pacific Asia Travel Association) Grand Award 2020 for its Tourism Campaign?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Kerala
 (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
110. Name the state which bags eight awards for implementation of 'Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan (GKRA)' for the benefit of labourers?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Gujarat (3) Andhra (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
111. Who has been honored with the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce's lifetime achievement and Global Excellence award 2020?
 (1) Narayana Murthy (2) Vikram Singh (3) Ratan Tata
 (4) Harini Sekar (5) None of these
112. Name the foundation which has received the UNSDG Action Award 2020 for its work on crop residue management?
 (1) Biocon Foundation (2) CII Foundation (3) Adani Foundation
 (4) Bosch Foundation (5) None of these
113. Who among the following has awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology 2020 for the discovery of the hepatitis C virus?
 (1) M. Houghton (2) Harvey J Alter (3) Charles M Rice
 (4) Both (1) and (2) (5) All of the above
114. Who has been conferred with the prestigious Sarala Puraskar 2020?
 (1) Nityanand Nayak (2) Gayatri Saraf (3) Tarun Mishra
 (4) Paramita Satpathy (5) None of these

115. Which organization has won the Nobel Peace Prize 2020?
(1) World Environment Programme (WEP)
(2) International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
(3) World Food Programme (WFP)
(4) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
(5) None of these
116. India became the first nation to be awarded Blue Flag certification for How many Indian beaches in a single attempt?
(1) 15 (2) 9 (3) 8 (4) 11 (5) None of these
117. Which of the following bank has won the 2020 Central bank of the year award?
(1) Reserve Bank of India (2) Bank of Ghana (3) Bank of Mauritius
(4) Central Bank of Kenya (5) None of these
118. Who has become the first ever Indian women to win the 2020 Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award?
(1) Neelam Goswami (2) Aishwarya Sridhar (3) Dayanita Singh
(4) Kavitha Devi (5) None of these
119. Name the country which has won the Visvesvaraya award of the ISA Solar Awards 2020 from the Asia Pacific region?
(1) Australia (2) Maldives (3) India (4) Japan (5) None of these
120. Who has received CEO of the Year and Visionary Leadership Award at National Awards for Excellence?
(1) Debasish Panda (2) Pravir Krishna (3) Sarath Sarin
(4) Ananth Kumar (5) None of these
121. Who has contributed the most number of dismissals in T20 Internationals as wicket keeper?
(1) Rishab Pant (2) Adam Gilchrist (3) Quinton de Kock
(4) Alyssa Healy (5) None of these
122. Name the Minister who has launched the new logo of the Sports Authority of India (SAI)?
(1) Harsha Vardhan (2) Kiren Rijiju (3) Rajnath Singh
(4) Prahlad Patel (5) None of these
123. Name the Indian shooter who won 10-meter air rifle gold at 5th International Online Shooting Championship?
(1) Saurabh Chaudhary (2) Abhinav Bindra (3) Aprajita Singh
(4) Visnu Shivaraj Pandian (5) None of these
124. Who is the winner of French Open Men's Tennis Championship 2020?
(1) Roger Federer (2) Novak Djokovic (3) Denis Shapovalov
(4) Rafael Nadal (5) None of these
125. Who among the following won Women's Singles French Open title 2020?
(1) Kristina Mladenovic (2) Alexa Guarachi (3) Sofia Kenin
(4) Iga Swiatek (5) None of these
126. Who has won the Chess.com's 2020 Junior Speed Online Chess Championship?
(1) Andrew Tang (2) Haik Martirosyan (3) Alexey Sarana
(4) Nihal Sarin (5) None of these

127. Name the team which has won the National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship 2020?
(1) Los Angeles Lakers (2) Miami Heat (3) California Rangers
(4) Milwaukee Bucks (5) None of these
128. Who has been awarded the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2020?
(1) Robert Wilson (2) Paul Milgrom (3) Esther Duflo (4) Both (1) and (2) (5) None of these
129. Who has won the 2020 Portuguese Grand Prix?
(1) Max Verstappen (2) Valtteri Bottas (3) Lewis Hamilton
(4) Charles Leclerc (5) None of these
130. Which of the following actresses has topped the Forbes' Highest-Paid Actresses 2020 list?
(1) Scarlett Johansson (2) Angelina Jolie (3) Sophia Turner
(4) Elizabeth Olsen (5) None of these
131. Name the Indian Company's Only CMO who has been featured in the Forbes list of 'The World's Most Influential CMOs' 2020?
(1) Nikhil Sharma (2) Sunil Mehta (3) Ravi Santhanam
(4) Aditya Puri (5) None of these
132. What is the rank of India in Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index 2020?
(1) 144th (2) 132nd (3) 118th (4) 129th (5) None of these
133. What is the rank of India in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2020?
(1) 57th (2) 66th (3) 94th (4) 75th (5) None of these
134. As per the Indian Tourism Statistics (ITS) 2020, which state has tops (68 lakh) foreign tourists in 2019 released by the Ministry of Tourism?
(1) Assam (2) Karnataka (3) Tamil Nadu (4) MP (5) None of these
135. Name the district which has topped the list of top 30 districts for implementing the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
(1) Shilong (2) Dehradun (3) Shimla (4) Mandi (5) None of these
136. Which of the following states has topped Anemia Mukta Bharat Index released by Union Ministry of Health and Welfare?
(1) Assam (2) Meghalaya (3) Gujarat (4) Haryana (5) None of these
137. What is the rank of India in the Ookla Speedtest Global Index 2020 in terms of global mobile internet speed?
(1) 126 (2) 103 (3) 114 (4) 131 (5) None of these
138. Which of the following state topped the list of states in disbursing loans under PM SVA Nidhi Scheme?
(1) Gujarat (2) Haryana (3) Karnataka (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
139. Name the country which has been appointed as the Chair of the Governing Body of International Labour Organization (ILO) for a period till June 2021?
(1) Italy (2) France (3) India (4) Russia (5) None of these
140. Which country Becomes World's First to attach Facial verification in the National Identification Database?
(1) Malaysia (2) France (3) Singapore (4) Germany (5) None of these

141. Which of the following countries will remain in the grey list of global terror financing watchdog-FATF till February 2021?
 (1) Turkmenistan (2) Afghanistan (3) Pakistan
 (4) North Korea (5) None of these
142. Name the author of the Coffee Table Book titled "Discovering the Heritage of Assam" released by DoNER Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.
 (1) Dipankar Dutta (2) Alok Sharma (3) Padmapani Bora
 (4) Aditya Roy (5) None of these
143. Who is the author of the book titled "The Very, Extremely, Most Naughty Asura Tales for Kids"?
 (1) Purnendu Kant (2) Sudha Murthy (3) Shanker Ram
 (4) Anand Neelakantan (5) None of these
144. Name the Author of the book "The Khalistan Conspiracy: A Former RAW Officer Unravels The Path To 1984".
 (1) Dániel Torres (2) GBS Sidhu (3) Pal Tamas
 (4) Anna Vari (5) None of these
145. Who is the author of the book "Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon"?
 (1) Arundhati Roy (2) Pradeep Goorha (3) Sudha Murthy
 (4) Shashi Tharoor (5) None of these
146. Who is the author of the book "On the Trails of Buddha: A Journey to the East" released by West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar?
 (1) Shashi Tharoor (2) Subramanian Swamy (3) Deepankar Aron
 (4) Arundhati Roy (5) None of these
147. A Book Titled "The Fixer: Winning Has a Price. How Much Will You Pay?" was authored by whom?
 (1) Ruskin Bond (2) Arunthathi Roy (3) Suman Dubey
 (4) Rupa Ganguly (5) None of these

Ans: 1-4, 2-2, 3-2, 4-4, 5-1, 6-1, 7-2, 8-3, 9-2, 10-2, 11-3, 12-2, 13-1, 14-4, 15-2, 16-1, 17-3, 18-5, 19-2, 20-4, 21-3, 22-3, 23-4, 24-2, 25-1, 26-1, 27-2, 28-3, 29-4, 30-1, 31-2, 32-5, 33-2, 34-1, 35-4, 36-3, 37-2, 38-1, 39-2, 40-3, 41-2, 42-2, 43-3, 44-3, 45-4, 46-2, 47-3, 48-2, 49-2, 50-4, 51-3, 52-3, 53-3, 54-1, 55-2, 56-5, 57-5, 58-3, 59-3, 60-3, 61-5, 62-3, 63-3, 64-2, 65-3, 66-4, 67-4, 68-3, 69-3, 70-2, 71-4, 72-3, 73-2, 74-1, 75-3, 76-4, 77-2, 78-2, 79-2, 80-4, 81-2, 82-4, 83-4, 84-2, 85-2, 86-4, 87-2, 88-3, 89-4, 90-2, 91-1, 92-1, 93-4, 94-2, 95-3, 96-4, 97-1, 98-4, 99-2, 100-4, 101-4, 102-2, 103-4, 104-2, 105-4, 106-1, 107-4, 108-5, 109-3, 110-4, 111-3, 112-2, 113-5, 114-1, 115-3, 116-3, 117-2, 118-2, 119-4, 120-2, 121-4, 122-2, 123-4, 124-4, 125-4, 126-4, 127-1, 128-4, 129-3, 130-3, 131-3, 132-4, 133-3, 134-3, 135-4, 136-4, 137-4, 138-4, 139-3, 140-3, 141-3, 142-3, 143-4, 144-2, 145-2, 146-3, 147-3.

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